

APPROVED: Meeting No. 14-94

ATTEST: *Paula Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 10-94

March 21, 1994

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on March 21, 1994, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Nina A. Weisbroth

ABSENT

Mayor James F. Coyle (on travel)

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Councilmember Krasnow was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Re: Public Hearing Regarding the exchange of property between the City of Rockville and the Pension Benefit Fund, Inc. and to grant an option from the City to FP Rockville Limited Partnership to purchase part of the City-owned property north of Middle Lane.

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The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing regarding the exchange of property between the City of Rockville and the Pension Benefit Fund. Council voted to grant an option from the City to FP Rockville Limited Partnership to purchase part of the City-owned property north of Middle Lane. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the hearing to be closed, with the record remaining open until April 4, 1994.

Re: Citizens Forum

Andrew Martin, representing West End Citizens Association read a letter on behalf of President Harold Pskowski, concerning three requests the Association would like included in the City's FY95-2000 proposed CIP plan: the improvement of the sidewalk on the south side of Great Falls Road, from West Montgomery Avenue to Dale Drive, the installation of four-way stop signs at Mannakee and Anderson Streets and also at the intersection of Beall and Forest Avenues.

Councilmember Krasnow said she agreed with Mr. Martin's comments regarding the Falls Road sidewalk and she asked staff if there were problems with making improvements at that site. Mr. Romer explained that because it was a narrow right-of-way, drainage problems were a factor. He said the City was contacting the State Highway Department about putting together another reconstruction project on that stretch of Great Falls and in the interim period, staff has been talking with State Highway about additional guard rails and better treatment of the sidewalks. Mr. Romer said he would forward the Association's recommendations on to the City's Traffic Engineer and to the Traffic and Transportation Committee. Councilmember Marrinan noted that the area was dangerous to youngsters who walked the route going to and from school and he asked that the project be expedited.

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Councilmember Weisbroth commented on the issue of safety on Beall Avenue and said that the City needed to take a look at the area. Residents are parking their vehicles in such a way as to create a choke point to allow passage of only one car at a time. This is in response to the speeding on Beall Avenue which is a safety concern for students.

Councilmember Dorsey commented that in the area of Rockville High School, there appeared to be an increase in traffic in front of the school and there was strong neighborhood concern for the safety of the students at the school.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. Councilmember Krasnow congratulated Superintendent of Recreation, Phil Bryan, on his election as President of the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association.
2. Councilmember Dorsey noted Executive Director Sandra Crewe's departure from the Rockville Housing Authority, and he extended best wishes to her as she assumed a new position with the Prince George's County government.
3. Councilmember Weisbroth mentioned the new mail-in process for summer camp registrations and she asked that the same type of registration process be reviewed to see if it was appropriate for the City's swim classes.
4. Councilmember Marrinan commented that he and his wife attended the Rockville Civic Center Ballet and were very pleased with the caliber of the performance. Mr. Marrinan expressed appreciation for the superb job that Claudia Mangan has done with the ballet over the years and he said the City was fortunate to have the ballet available to its residents.

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Next Meeting

The Mayor and Council will meet in General Session on March 28, 1994 to consider among other matters, the storm water waiver issue tabled from the March 14th General Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Krasnow noted the March 24th public information meeting scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on the Cabin John Watershed Study.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on March 28, 1994, or at the call of the Mayor.